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Summary

11. (SBU) The Ambassador chaired a meeting of the full Emergency Action Committee (EAC) on July 23 to review the Embassy's security posture following the local weekend. Members noted no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting. Accordingly, the EAC agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and force protection condition (FPCON) remain appropriate.
End Summary.

Local Security

12. (SBU) On July 23, the Ambassador chaired a meeting of the full EAC to review the Embassy's security posture following the local weekend. The meeting opened with a discussion of the local and regional security situations; the EAC continued to characterize the former as stable. Likewise, the EAC noted no/no new threat reporting specific to Oman. Members cited no security incidents among their staffs or family members over the weekend, while the Duty Officer confirmed that there were no reported security incidents or security-related queries from the private American citizen community.

EAC Conclusion

13. (S/NF) The EAC concluded that there have been no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting held on July 20 (reftel). Accordingly, members agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. Embassy Muscat remains acutely aware of the need to monitor both the regional and local security and threat environments, and is prepared to take the necessary countermeasures should changes to either occur. AMB, DCM, P/E, A/MGT, RSO, ARSO, RMAS, PAO (Duty Officer), MSG, DAO, OMC (USDR), and ECA (USCENTAF) participated in the meeting.

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